

In the specification:

Page 9, line 7, amend as follows:

Description of the ~~Exemplary~~Preferred Embodiments

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 as follows:

Fig. 2 shows a side view of the parallelepiped core 24. The core 24 has a parallelepiped shape 20 with end faces 56 facing away from one another. The end faces 56 are joined to one another by a spine face 60 and a slot face 64. The two end faces 56, the spine face 60 and the slot face 64 together define a rectangular core cross section; the core 24 has two ends 61, which each have one end face 68. The core 24 has a total of thirty-six slots 32, which are all oriented parallel to one another and disposed in the same plane. The slots 32 are all opened in the same direction and end in slot openings 72, which are located in the slot face 64. The slots 32 are defined by teeth 76 with parallel flanks. The teeth 76 have a tooth head 78, which ends in the slot face 64, and also have a tooth root 80. The roots 80 of the teeth 76 are all located in a plane that is parallel to the spine face 60. The teeth 76 have a cross-sectional or profiled form 82, so that the teeth 76

extend parallel to the end faces 68. Each tooth head 78 has two tooth strips 84 - see also Fig. 8 - which extend circumferentially once the core 24 has been bent into the cylindrical ring shape 52. Each tooth 76 is constructed symmetrically to a center tooth plane 86, which is oriented parallel to the end faces 68. On each of the two end faces 68 on the core 24, a tooth 88 is formed, which is divided in half in the central plane 86. Between the two half-teeth 88, thirty-five full teeth 76 are disposed, so that a total of thirty-six slots 32 and, once the core 24 has been bent into the round shape, thirty-six teeth 76 result, one tooth being formed of two teeth 88 divided in half.